

8.2 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 2 Differential Equations I

Answer 1

(i) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$
 $\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$ separating the variables

integrate both sides with respect to x

$$\ln|y| = \ln|x| + c$$

exponentiate both sides

$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{\ln|x| + c}$$

$$|y| = e^{\ln|x|} e^c$$

$$= B|x| \quad \text{for } B \in \mathbb{R}, B > 0$$

$$y = Ax \quad \text{for } A \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{is the general solution}$$

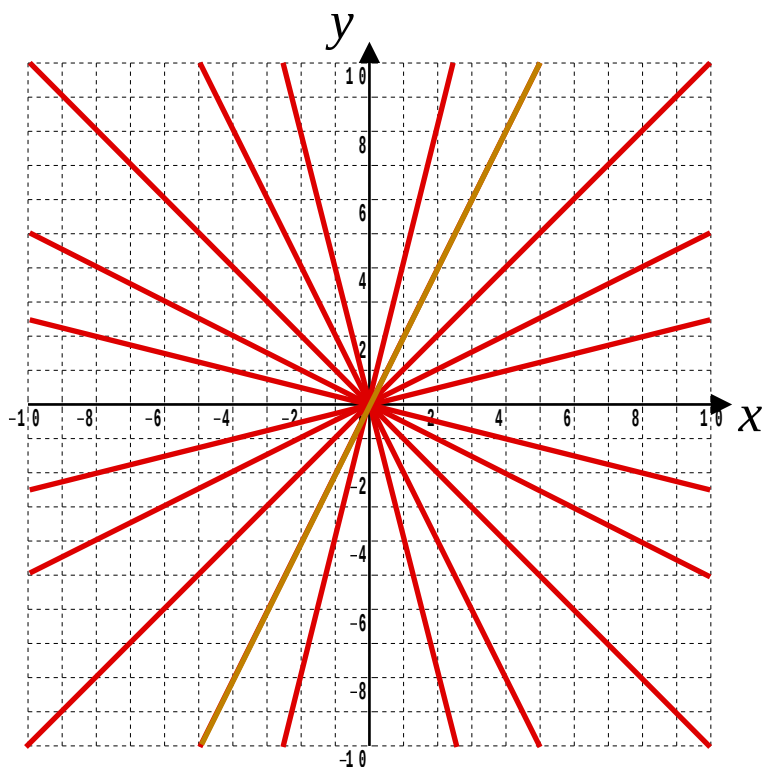
[3 marks]

(ii) As $y = 8$ when $x = 4$, $A = 2$

$$y = 2x \quad \text{is the particular solution}$$

[1 mark]

(iii) The relevant line is highlighted in gold.



[1 mark]

Answer 2

$$(a) \quad \frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{H \cos(0.25t)}{40}$$

$$\frac{1}{H} \frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{1}{40} \cos\left(\frac{t}{4}\right)$$

separating the variables

$$\int \frac{1}{H} dH = \frac{1}{40} \times 4 \int \frac{1}{4} \cos\left(\frac{t}{4}\right) dt \quad \text{integrating both sides with respect to } t$$

$$\ln|H| = \frac{1}{40} \times 4 \sin\left(\frac{t}{4}\right) + c \quad \text{as } H > 0, \text{ modulus signs dropped}$$

$$\ln H = \frac{1}{10} \sin(0.25t) + c \quad c = \ln 5 \text{ from initial conditions}$$

$$\ln H - \ln 5 = 0.1 \sin(0.25t)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{H}{5}\right) = 0.1 \sin(0.25t) \quad \text{exponentiate both sides}$$

$$\frac{H}{5} = e^{0.1 \sin(0.25t)}$$

$$H = 5 e^{0.1 \sin(0.25t)} \quad \square$$

[5 marks]

- (b) Passenger maximum height will occur when $\sin(0.25t) = 1$
in which case $H_{MAX} = 5 e^{0.1}$ (About 5.53 metres)

[1 mark]

- (c) Maximum height for the first time will be when $0.25t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and for the second time when,

$$0.25T = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi$$

$$\frac{T}{4} = \frac{5\pi}{2}$$

$$T = 10\pi \text{ (About 31.4 seconds)}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 3

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x e^{2y}$$

$$e^{-2y} \frac{dy}{dx} = x \quad \text{separating the variables}$$

$$\int e^{-2y} dy = \int x dx \quad \text{integrate both sides with respect to } x$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int (-2) e^{-2y} dy = \int x dx \quad \text{setting up a chain rule backwards}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2y} = \frac{x^2}{2} + c \quad \text{use } y = 0 \text{ when } x = 0 \text{ to get } c = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2y} = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{multiply through by } (-2)$$

$$e^{-2y} = -x^2 + 1 \quad \text{take the } \ln \text{ of both sides}$$

$$-2y = \ln|1 - x^2| \quad \text{can remove modulus signs as } |x| < 1$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1 - x^2)$$

$$y = \ln(1 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y = \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}\right) \quad |x| < 1 \quad \square$$

[4 marks]

Answer 4

$$(a) \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \lambda (120 - \theta)$$

$$\frac{1}{(120 - \theta)} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \lambda \quad \text{separate the variables}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(120 - \theta)} d\theta = \int \lambda dt \quad \text{integrate both sides with respect to } t$$

$$(-1) \int (-1) \frac{1}{(120 - \theta)} d\theta = \int \lambda dt \quad \text{setting up a chain rule backwards}$$

$$- \ln|120 - \theta| = \lambda t + c \quad \theta = 20 \text{ when } t = 0 \Rightarrow c = -\ln 100$$

$$- \lambda t = \ln|120 - \theta| - \ln 100$$

$$- \lambda t = \ln\left(\frac{120 - \theta}{100}\right) \quad \text{As } \theta \leq 100 \text{ modulus sign removed}$$

$$e^{-\lambda t} = \frac{120 - \theta}{100}$$

$$100 e^{-\lambda t} = 120 - \theta$$

$$\theta = 120 - 100 e^{-\lambda t} \quad \square$$

[8 marks]**(b)** The equation that needs to be solved is,

$$100 = 120 - 100 e^{-0.01 t}$$

$$100 e^{-0.01 t} = 20$$

$$e^{-0.01 t} = 0.2$$

$$-0.01 t = \ln 0.2$$

$$t = 161 \text{ seconds}$$

[3 marks]

Answer 5**(a)** Using the red bracket method,

$$\frac{2x-1}{[(x-1)(2x-3)]} = \frac{A}{(x-1)} + \frac{B}{(2x-3)}$$

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$$2x-1 = A(2x-3) + B(x-1)$$

$$\text{Let } x = 1 : 1 = A(-1) \Leftrightarrow A = -1$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0 : -1 = (-1)(-3) + B(-1) \Leftrightarrow B = 4$$

$$\therefore \frac{2x-1}{(x-1)(2x-3)} = -\frac{1}{(x-1)} + \frac{4}{(2x-3)}$$

[3 marks]

(b) $(2x-3)(x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} = (2x-1)y$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x-1}{(2x-3)(x-1)} \quad \text{separating variables}$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{(x-1)} + \frac{4}{(2x-3)} \quad \text{using part (a)}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = -\int \frac{1}{x-1} dx + 2 \int \frac{2}{2x-3} dx$$

$$\ln|y| = -\ln|x-1| + 2\ln|2x-3| + c$$

$$= -\ln(x-1) + \ln(2x-3)^2 + c$$

The RHS modulus signs removed as told that $x \geq 2$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{(2x-3)^2}{x-1}\right) + c$$

$$|y| = \frac{B(2x-3)^2}{x-1} \quad \text{for } B \in \mathbb{R}, B > 0$$

$$y = \frac{A(2x-3)^2}{x-1} \quad \text{for } A \in \mathbb{R}$$

[5 marks]**(c)** Using the fact that $y = 10$ at $x = 2$,

$$10 = \frac{A \times 1}{1} \Leftrightarrow A = 10$$

$$y = \frac{10(2x-3)^2}{x-1}$$

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